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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DECELERATED CLOSING DEVICE FOR SLIDING PORTIONS OF PIECES OF FURNITURE
the specification of which was filed **11 May 2001** as application **09/853,861**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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Country	Number	<u>Prior Foreign Application</u>	Filing Date	Priority claimed
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